THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The capacity of the existing international airports in the country at Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta, Chennai and Thiruvananthapuram is considered sufficient to meet the traffic demand in the near future.

**दिल्ली से कानपुर तक विमान सेवा की पुनः शुरूआत**

3980. **श्री नरेन्द्र मोहनः** क्या नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उन्होंने कुछ माह पूर्व अपनी कानपुर की यात्रा के दौरान यह घोषणा की थी की इंडियन एयरलाइन्स की दिल्ली से कानपुर तक विमान सेवा शीघ्र पुनः शुरू की जाएगी;

(ख) किस नगर में विमान सेवा शुरू करने हेतु किन-किन बातों पर ध्यान रखा जाता है; और

(ग) इंडियन एयरलाइन्स की ग्वालियर जाने वाली उड़ान में प्रतिदिन यात्रियों की औसत संख्या कितनी होती है और प्रतिदिन औसतन कितने विमान-यात्री ग्वालियर से विमान में सवार होते हैं?

नागर विमानन मंत्री (श्री सी॰ एम॰ इब्राहिम) : (क) जी हां।

(ख) किसी नगर में कोई विमान सेवा आरंभ करने के लिए जिन संघटकों को ध्यान में रखा जाता है उनमें प्रचालनात्मक विमान क्षेत्र की उपलब्धता, प्रचालन संबंधी वाणिज्यिक व्यवहार्यता तथा विमान और प्रचालन कर्मीदल की उपलब्धता शामिल हैं

(ग) ग्वालियर जाने वाली तथा वहां से उड़ान भरने वाली प्रत्येक उड़ान द्वारा औसतन 22 यात्री ग्वालियर जाते हैं और 18 यात्री ग्वालियर से विमान में सवार होते हैं।

**Proposal for introducing direct airflights between India and China**

3981. **SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for introducing direct air flights between India and China and China to India;

(b) whether urgent steps would be taken to introduce these direct air links for development of tourism, trade and commercial activities in both the countries; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c) Inter-Governmental talks are being arranged with the Government of the people's Republic of China to finalise the route Schedule and capacity entitlement for operation of air services between India and China. Due to inadequate traffic potential and constraints of capacity. Air India have no immediate plans to provide a direct service to China.

**Proposal to link new places in Andhra Pradesh with air services**

3982. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to link new places in Andhra Pradesh with air service in the coming years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) Indian Airlines, has at present, no plans to start services to new station in Andhra Pradesh. Private operators are however, being encouraged to add new stations in their network.

**Proposal to upgrade and improve Airport of North-Eastern Region**

3983. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to upgrade and improve different existing airports of North-Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details theref;

(c) whether some new airports are being set up; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of upgradation of airport in North-Eastern Region by Airports Authority of India are given in the enclosed statement (*See* below)

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) New airports at Tura in Meghalaya suitable for DO-228 aircraft operations and at Lengpui in Mizoram suitable for B-737 operations are under construction by the respective State Governments under the State Plan.

**Statement**

**Details of upgradation of Airport in North Eastern Region by Airport Authority of India**

| State | Name of Airport | Development Scheme |
|---|---|---|
| Assam | Guwahati | Expansion and modification of Terminal Building.<br>Expansion of apron.<br>Extension of Runway from 9000' to 12000' for B-747 class of aircraft. |
| | Dibrugarh | Night Landing Facilities.<br>Strengthening of runway and associated works. |
| | Silchar | Expansion and modification of Terminal Building.<br>Installation of Doppler Very High Frequency Omni Range (DVOR) |
| | Tezpur<br>North Lakhimpur | Construction of New Civil Enclave.<br>Strengthening and extension of runway and construction of new terminal building. |
| Manipur | Imphal | Construction of Technical Block.<br>Expansion and modification of Terminal Building.<br>Installation of DVOR |
| Nagaland | Dimapur | Construction of New Terminal Building and approach road.<br>Night Landing Facilities. |
| Tripura | Agartala | Expansion and modification of Terminal Building.<br>Construction of operational wall.<br>Expansion and apron to accommodated more number of aircraft.<br>Expansion of Runway for AB-320 operation (Planning Stage) |